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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45;
GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket No. 06-122
CC Docket No. 01-92

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Thursday, June 30, 2011, Julia Tanner of MTPCS, LLC ("MTPCS"), along with undersigned counsel, met with Angela Kronenberg in Commissioner Clyburn's office to discuss universal service reform.

We discussed the FCC's proposed actions in the above-referenced dockets, relating to the Mobility Fund and the Connect America Fund. In particular, MTPCS urged reform that is recognizes the critical need for improved mobile broadband infrastructure in rural America. MTPCS opposed single winner reverse auctions as a means of distributing federal high-cost support, and expressed support for studying whether a model would provide an opportunity to control fund growth without skewing the marketplace.

MTPCS noted that the Chairman and Commissioner Clyburn, among other FCC officials, have expressed support in recent months for rural mobile broadband and for competition, and the President has proposed billions in new investment to support deployment of rural mobile broadband networks. MTPCS noted that mobile platforms are now the primary or sole method of communications for upwards of one third of all consumers, and that mobility represents the most efficient deployment of rural broadband as a merely incremental investment to upgrade, expand and maintain existing mobile networks in high cost areas. MTPCS noted that mobile

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wireless consumers now contribute upwards of \$3 billion per year into the fund, and that mobile services are being chosen by citizens in greater numbers each year.

In order to ensure rural consumers have access to services reasonably comparable to those available in urban areas, MTPCS urged that sufficient ongoing support must be provided to maintain a healthy mobile marketplace, and if such support is provided, the Commission should move to a system of two funds, one for fixed broadband and one for mobile broadband.

MTPCS suggested that speeds proposed in the Connect America Fund Notices accurately describe theoretical throughput capacity that should serve as the floor for the definition of "broadband," for purposes of supporting mobile services. The importance of funding mobile broadband on a continuing basis was illustrated with a map showing the combined coverage of AT&T and T-Mobile. Significant areas in the Midwest and upper Midwest are not covered by either AT&T or T-Mobile facilities, and there remain many unserved areas in other parts of the country. Without question, significant additional and ongoing investment is needed to provide rural citizens with high-quality mobile wireless coverage, as well as mobile broadband.

MTPCS distributed a document setting forth likely impacts of certain proposed Commission rulemaking actions on its business operations and ability to continue providing service in high-cost rural areas. The document was appropriately marked as confidential and MTPCS is also submitting to the Commission, under separate cover, a copy which will be marked "**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.**"

A copy of the other materials left behind at the meeting is enclosed.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

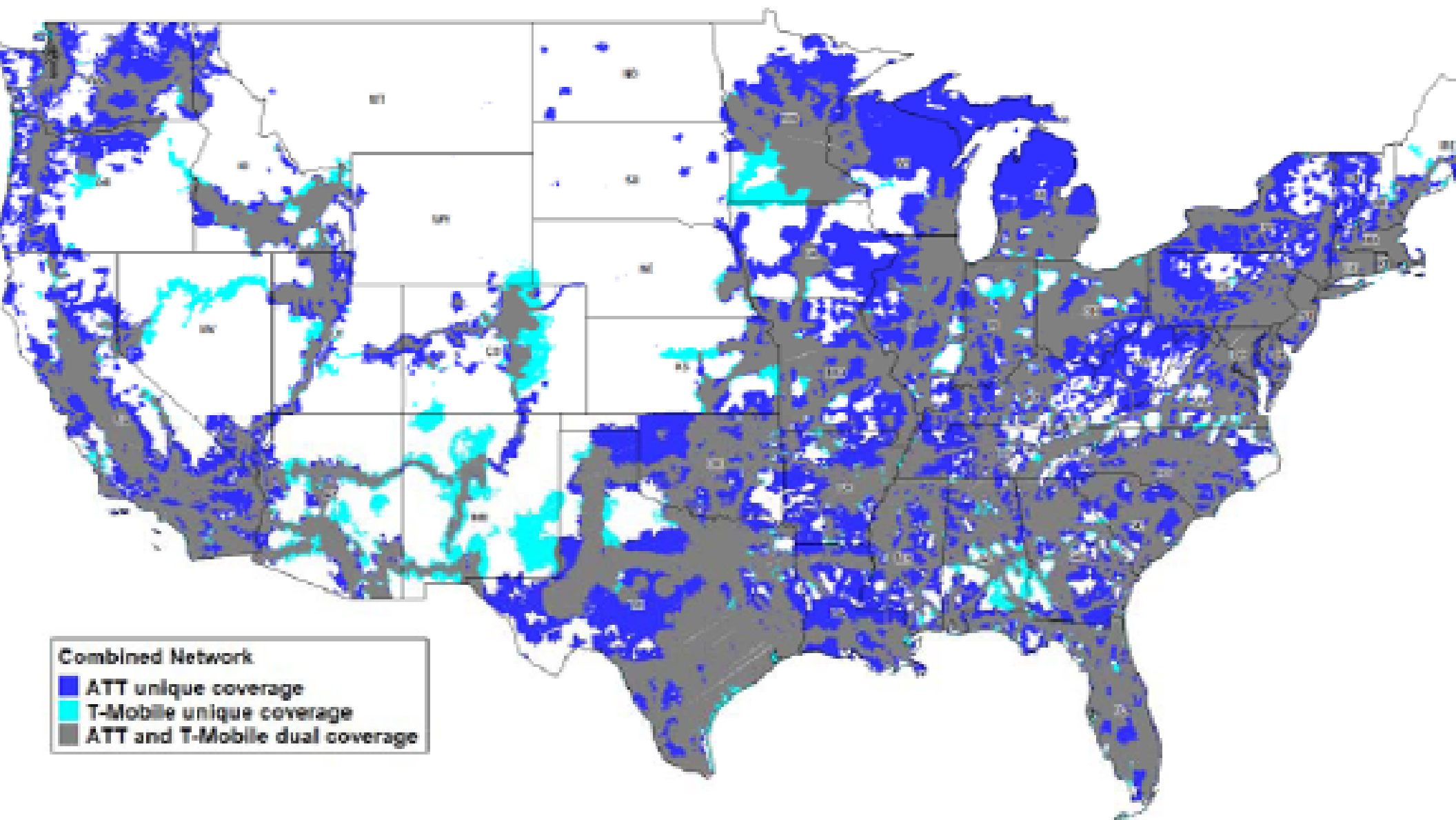


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Enclosure

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EXHIBIT E



Map depicting AT&T and T-Mobile overlapping coverage from *Wireless Industry Consolidation Seminar*.